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**APPLICANT:** Juergen BEUTHAN et al    **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3737  
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In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants  
herewith amend the application as follows.